



Monthly Update

May 2024

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Vice President: **Peter VA3PKM**
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RAC Representative: **Ken VE3RMK**

Repeaters

2m VHF FM Repeater – **VE3OSH**

Frequency: 147.120 MHz
Input Tone: 156.7 Hz
Input Offset: +600 kHz
AllStar Node: 27838

70cm UHF Fusion/FM Repeater – **VE3NAA**

Frequency: 443.000 MHz
Input Tone: 136.5
Input Offset: +5 MHz

70cm UHF DMR Repeater – **VE3LBN**

Frequency: 443.9875 MHz
Colour Code: 3
Input Offset: +5 MHz
DMR ID: 302340

APRS iGate – **VE3OSH**

Frequency: 144.390 MHz

Previous Month's Meeting

In our April 17th monthly meeting on Zoom we had a presentation by **Andy Betterton VE3ORE** on the VNA analyzer and all what it could do.

May Meeting

Our Monthly meeting on zoom will be Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. **Laird VE3LKS** will give us on an update on the results of our Hamfest 2024.

Tuesday Night Rag Chew

Were Back!!

The club's weekly Tuesday Night Rag Chew starts at 7:00 pm. Our current net controllers are: **Aldo VA3AG**, **Grant VA3KJI**, **Derek VE3TKE**, **Quinton VA3NLM** and **Neil VA3NH**. Also **Nick VA3NPW** has offered to be a spare and fill in once in a while.



This is not a formal net but rather a lively round table. Some can only stick around for a few minutes while others are there from start to finish. We never know what the topic de jour will be but someone always comes up with something interesting. So, if you are available between 1900 and 2000 hrs on Tuesday's pop onto VE3OSH and join the conversation.

A big thank you to all our Net control operators for stepping up!!

If anyone would like to give Net control a try one week, let me know and we will fit you in as a guest net control.

Wednesday Night Virtual Parking Lot

The club has a weekly Virtual Parking Lot (VPL) meeting on zoom starting Wednesday night at 7:00 pm for members and guests. Everyone is welcome to attend. On the third Wednesday night the club has it's member meeting on zoom first and after the meeting is finished we have our virtual parking lot for those who are still on-line.

If you would like to attend our weekly VPL send an email to **Derek VE3TKE** at VE3TKE@gmail.com. Our club Secretary **Neil VA3NH** will be sending out the zoom link prior to the Wednesday meeting time. It has actually has been quite a success as more people can show up, due to distance or schedules, and yet we can still do show & tells by simply sharing our screens. It is not uncommon to have 20 to 25 participants but we can easily handle more. So, quit complaining about being bored and hop on the Virtual Parking Lot also remember that you can also ask questions of the group as well.

At our zoom meetings we have Amateurs from around the globe.

So, try to remember Wednesday nights and drop by our Zoom VPL and say hello and see who is visiting from around the globe. It starts around 7:00 pm and lasts until the last die-hard leaves but you can pop in anytime and say hello and stay as long or short as you want.

White Feather Fun!

Some of the club members meet up on Saturday morning at **White Feather Country Store**. So, if you need your fix of a steamy hot beverage, as well as a hot fritter, pop up to **White Feather Country Store**, which opens at 8:30 am, and join the gang in the south east corner of the parking lot. Make sure to bring a lawn chair as we sit outside in the parking lot even when it's cold or raining. Just give a shout on the repeater between 8:00 and 8:20 to see if anyone is heading up that way and come and join us. **White Feather Country Store** is located at the corner of Simcoe St and Raglan Rd in Raglan, just south of our repeater site.



Coffee Time Alternative

We also have an alternate location for the Saturday morning get together if the weather is lousy. Some of the members (fair weather hams) meet up at the Coffee Time in Courtice at the same time on Saturday morning. Most arrive at 8:00 am.

When the weather gets better, when ever that is; we will all meet up at the main White Feather location.

At the Courtice location we may have upwards of 12 members show up.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

According to Thomas VE3PDK, our membership secretary, some members have not renewed their 2024 membership as of yet for some reason.

Please remember that the membership renewal process has changed and is even easier this year. Step 1: go the membership section of our club page and submit the online form. Step 2: send the club an e-transfer to treasurer@ve3osh.com or you can give your membership dues to either Bob, Derek or Thomas in cash.

If you want to mail a cheque you can send it to the club President at 45 Allard Avenue, Ajax Ontario L1Z 1B6. He will forward it to the club Treasurer.

NOTE – if you are claiming that you are a RAC member make sure you check with RAC to make sure your membership is paid up. We have to double check this for our RAC insurance policy so please do not try to claim this if you are not a current RAC. The dues are staying the same for 2024 at \$30 for a RAC member and \$40 for Non-RAC member.



In an email that resonated deeply within the amateur radio world, Martin F. Jue, the founder of the iconic MFJ Enterprises, announced the cessation of on-site production for MFJ and its sister companies, including well-known brands such as Ameritron, Hygain, Cushcraft, Mirage, and Vectronics. The Starkville, Mississippi-based operation will officially stop production on May 17, 2024.

Founded over 52 years ago, MFJ Enterprises has been a pillar in the ham radio accessory market, expanding over the years through the acquisition of several other prominent brands. This growth made MFJ a household name in the amateur radio community across the globe. However, the impact of the Covid pandemic has been profoundly felt, with Jue noting that it was “the hardest hit that we have ever had” and one from which the company never fully recovered.

The decision comes at a poignant moment as Jue turns 80 this year, choosing to prioritize time with his family after dedicating a lifetime to the growth and success of MFJ. This news marks not only a significant change in Jue’s life but also a notable shift in the landscape of amateur radio equipment providers.

While the news of the production stop is a disappointment to many in the ham radio community, MFJ is not closing its doors entirely. Jue assures customers and dealers that MFJ products will continue to be sold past the May deadline, thanks to a considerable existing stock. Additionally, the company will maintain its commitment to customer service by offering repair services for both out-of-warranty and in-warranty units for the foreseeable future.

The legacy of MFJ and its associated brands is undeniable. For decades, these companies have not only provided tools and accessories that have fueled the amateur radio hobby but also fostered a sense of community and innovation. Jue’s closing remark, “You all are so much appreciated,” reflects the deep mutual respect and gratitude between MFJ and its community of users—a sentiment that is sure to endure beyond the lifespan of its production line.

As the amateur radio community processes this significant change, the story of MFJ serves as a reminder of the enduring impact that dedicated individuals and companies can have on hobbies and industries alike. The end of MFJ’s production is indeed the end of an era, but also the beginning of a new chapter for Martin F. Jue and the many who have supported and been a part of MFJ’s journey.

Swap Shop

For Sale

1. Icom IC-92AD Dual Band D-Star Transceiver.
2. Icom HM-175 GPS Speaker Microphone
3. Icom BC-177 Charging dock with Icom BC-123 SA Charger
4. Icom IC_92 AD Instruction Manual
5. RT Systems Windows Cloning Software with RT Systems USB-92 USB cable

All are in good working order. **\$350**



Ken Fitzgerald, VA3KJF at webhog@me.com....905-435-6311

If you have items for sale or if you have items that are free for the pick-up, feel free to list them here in the club swap shop.



Well we had our 2024 Durham Hamfest on Saturday April 20,2024 and although the numbers appear to be down just slightly it was a success. **Laird VE3LKS** will give us an update during the May meeting.

I have attached a couple of pictures from **Joe VE3VGJ**, thank you **Joe**!





Station of the Month

I am surprised that more members do not share their Ham Shack setup and antenna and/or tower pictures. We would like to see the big setup's as well as the basic setup's. We also would like mobile setup's. All are welcome. We have a bunch of new ham's attending our meetings and they would like to see and get some ideas on how they should make their setup.

If you would like to share your setup send your pictures and info to Steve VA3TPS at va3tps@outlook.com

Editor's Note

Don't forget I am looking for articles for the bulletin or any special events or information Ham Radio related.

Upcoming Events

54th Annual Canoe the Nonquon – June 01, 2024.

Some of you may remember this event from years ago. Well guess what? NSARC has now been confirmed to take over this event on an annual basis, as the previous Ham Club has declined participating any more. Details on what the event wants us to do and the locations are being worked on and more details at the upcoming May member meeting. This event is being held on June 01, 2024

NSARC Summer BBQ – June 19, 2024

The annual summer BBQ will be held at Purple Woods Conservation Area located at 38 Coates Road in north Oshawa. This year Martha VA3SBD will be coordinating the BBQ food. Martha will also coordinate the food for this year's Field Day event as well. More details to come

Field Day – June 22 – 23, 2024

The annual Field Day event will be held at Purple Woods Conservation Area located at 38 Coates Road in north Oshawa. This year Martha VA3SBD will be coordinating the BBQ food with Daren VE3NMD coordinating the Field Day operations. More details to come.

Aquino Tank Weekend – July 26 – 28, 2024

This annual event will be held at the Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum. 1000 Stevenson Road North. Oshawa, Ontario. Laird – VE3LKS will be the coordinator for this event. More details to come.

NSARC Fall BBQ – September 18, 2024

The annual fall BBQ event will be held at Purple Woods Conservation Area located at 38 Coates Road in north Oshawa. We are looking for a food coordinator for this event. If you are interested let Derek know at the upcoming member meeting. We need to finalize this position before we break for the summer.

W9IMS Special Event Station

This special event is a lot of fun and if you only work one event you can get a nice QSL card. Work all three and they send you a Certificate. For more information checkout www.qrz.com and put in their call sign W9IMS.

2024 OPERATING SCHEDULE (you must work all three for the certificate):

May 5 - 11: [Grand Prix - Operator Schedule](#)

May 20 - 26: [Indianapolis 500 - Operator Schedule](#)

July 15 - 21: [NASCAR 200 at the Brickyard - Operator Schedule](#)

